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Tuesday Years of planning went into plant

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Briefly Reminder for all track champions

Norton Community High School Athletic Director Jeff Wallingford and Head Track and Field Coach Jason Jones have issued a second and final reminder to anyone who has won a state track and field championship while competing for Norton Community High School to contact the NCHS Athletic Office at (785)877-5851 or email to jwallingford@usd211.org to obtain a form to be used to contact the Kansas State High School Activities Association. They also ask that anyone who knows the name or names of any past state champions to contact their office with that information. These champions will be honored during the 100th Anniversary of the Kansas State Track and Field meet in Wichita in 2010. Deadline for submitting the information is December 1.

No Booster Club meeting this week

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will not meet on Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin will report on the Blue Jays' sub-state game with Wichita Collegiate and review the 2009 season. Norton wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will give season previews. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meetings.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
November 24, 2009

CORN \$3.34
SOYBEANS \$9.62
WHEAT \$4.57
MILO \$3.12

Ag Valley
314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
785-877-5188

weather forecast

Tonight - Increasing clouds with a low around 26. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 45. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 22. Thanksgiving Day - Sunny with a high near 55. Thursday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 25.

Kingham report:

Friday, Nov. 20..... Low 25, High 54
Saturday, Nov. 21..... Low 29, High 55
Sunday, Nov. 22..... Low 34, High 51
Monday, Nov. 23..... Low 24, High 39
20 Rain

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for always hearing our prayers. Give us your strength for today. Amen.

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The multimillion dollar upgrade to Norton Water Treatment Plant is entering its final stage after years of planning, two utility increases and other financial struggles.

Planning
Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson said planning began in 1999 when the city was notified of new regulations from Kansas Department of Health and Environment. An engineering firm was hired to conduct a study of the water plant and

distribution systems, and to recommend improvements and additions of equipment and processes in order to comply with new regulations set by Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency at that time.

"We did everything in the world we could to keep from doing things we didn't have to do," Lawson said.

"Kansas Department of Health and Environment was telling us we had to meet these specifications," he said.

He said the city looked at other options;

including a water softening plant or reverse osmosis plant, but it was decided upgrading the mechanics inside the existing plant would be more cost effective.

Lawson said 80 percent of the mechanics inside the plant have been upgraded including water filters, computers and other equipment.

The beginning of phase two, drilling the well field, is coming to an end. The wells are scheduled to be tested Nov. 30 for water quality and quantity.

Norton uses well water as well as water from Sebelius Reservoir. Lawson said

both types of water are blended at the plant, which is cheaper to treat and safer for the operators at the plant.

Lawson said Norton's water plant is comparable to plants in bigger cities, like Hays.

Funding

The city has struggled to find ways to fund the upgrades at the plant. Lawson said the council looked at a loan from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's revolving loan fund as well as the United States Department of (Water plant - Continued on Page



Lane Stagemeyer, his grandmother Mo Stagemeyer and Shauna Robison worked on making turkeys out of oreos at Eisenhower Elementary School yesterday. The kindergarten classes performed a skit, and their families were asked to participate in an activity afterwards. The kids had been asked to write Thanksgiving Day recipes but none included oreos.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Kids share Thanksgiving recipes

Eisenhower Elementary School kindergartners offer Thanksgiving Day traditions and recipes. Mrs. Roy's kindergarten class passed along these tips:

I'm going to shoot the turkey with a gun. The turkey is in the field. I have to clean him with my hands and a knife. I'll pull his feathers off and bring him in the house to cook him. He'll go in the oven in foil on very hot for not that long. The oven will beep when he's done! I am eating him all by myself! —Lane

Me and my dad will go out to the field and hunt for the turkey. We'll shoot him with a gun, tear the skin off, and then put the skin in the trash can. We'll go home and put the turkey on a big circle so we can cook him. He goes in the oven with a cherry pie. The turkey will cook for 20 minutes at medium, and then it might get turned on to low. When it's done, the alarm can go off, and you go get it from the oven. Then you can eat it! —Nolan

We'll hunt for the turkey, me and dad. We'll go to the forest and we'll hunt him with our bow and arrow. We will peel the feathers off, and put him in the oven to cook. We'll put salt on the turkey and some pepper. The oven will be at 12 degrees for maybe 12-13 minutes. Dad will get the turkey and put him on the table. We'll also eat some apples with the turkey. I love apples! —Jacob

My whole family will go to the woods. We'll shoot it with my bow and arrow. We'll clean the turkey in the sink with water, and we'll tear off the feathers. I'll go to the kitchen table and get a pan. My dad will put the turkey on the grill, cut it in pieces and put it on plates about four hours. We'll cook it on maybe about four

back to the woods and catch some deer. Then cut up the deer and eat them too. We'll keep the antlers and put the deer on the grill. —Aaron

I think we'll get our turkey from a barn. We'll shoot it, take off the feathers and get the head off. We'll take the feet off and the gobbler. We can put salt on the turkey, and maybe some pepper. We can put it in the oven and let it cook for 50 minutes, on hot. We can put the turkey on the table and eat it for Thanksgiving. —Cole

My dad can go hunting for the turkey. He'll find it in the woods and shoot it with his gun. Dad will bring it home and put it in the sink to wash it up. My mom will put it in the oven to cook it. Mom will put the oven at six or seven degrees, and it will cook for about 16 minutes. She'll take it out of the oven and let it cool. We'll eat our turkey with corn and some mashed potatoes. —Madison

Grandpa and I will hunt for the turkey. We'll shoot him with a bow and bring it to my grandpa's farm. We're gonna cut him up into pieces, take the feathers out, then we're gonna cook him. We'll put him in the oven at 65 degrees, and he'll cook for ten minutes. Then me and grandpa are gonna eat him! —Matthew

My momma will shoot the turkey in a cornfield. He's gonna be dead, and then she will clean him. She'll put him in the sink and clean him off with water. We're going to cook him and put him in a pan and put him in the oven. The oven will be at five degrees, and he'll cook for five minutes. Then we will get him out and eat him with pumpkin pie! —Audrey

I think daddy might shoot a turkey. He'll go out by the lake, and he'll shoot it with

his gun. Daddy will clean it, but I don't know how he will do that. Momma or daddy will cook the turkey. They'll put it in the oven and put some seasonings on it. The oven will be on 100 degrees, and it will cook for four seconds. I think lots of people will be there to eat it! —Haley

My dad or my brother will shoot the turkey at a hunting place. They will wash it with a hose that is outside and have a trash can for the blood. They'll cut off the feathers too. My mom will cook it in the oven for 300 minutes. We're going to eat it with a spoon or a fork. —Braden

My mommy and I will go to the grocery store. We'll get a big turkey. We'll go home and cut it. We'll put on pepper, salt and a little bit of cinnamon. We'll put him on a pan and put him in the oven on eight degrees and cook him for six minutes. Then we'll eat it with a fork. We'll also eat pumpkin pie. —Anna

Me, mom and dad will hunt for our turkey. We'll go to the woods. We'll get a gun and shoot the turkey. We take the turkey, and then we put him on the counter and look for bones in there. Then we cook it for ten minutes on the stove. It's supposed to be orange when it's all done! Then we eat him! We put food all around him, like broccoli and cottage cheese and pickles. —Jaida

My daddy and my mom will go to Shop and Save to get our turkey. We'll get a knife and chop the turkey. Then we put it in the oven, but I don't like anything on it. Well, I do like it with a little bit of sausage on it. Then we cook it for three hours on medium. We eat it with ice cream. My

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Resident wins last Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD
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Toyah Braun of Norton was one of just three fans missing as few as two games in the 12th and final week of the Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and will receive \$15 in scrip money.

Toyah missed the Wichita Collegiate win over Norton and the Texas Tech defeat of Oklahoma and was closest to the score of the tiebreaker game, which was won 31-13 by North Carolina over Boston College. She was right on the money on the North Carolina score and chose Boston College to score 25 points, or 12 points off.

Missing only the Wichita Collegiate win over Norton and Ole Miss victory over LSU was Chaylee Lowry of Almena. She chose North Carolina over Boston College in the tiebreaker by 20-17 or 15 points off the actual scores of both teams. She will receive \$10 in scrip money for second place.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to LeRoy Newell of Norton, the only other fan to miss just two contests. LeRoy miscued on the Texas Tech win over Oklahoma and the California win over Stanford. He was not in the running for one of the top two places since he incorrectly chose Boston College to win the tiebreaker game.

Missing just three games were: Linda Matson, Douglas Daniels, Kollean McMullen, all of Norton.

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Businesses close for holiday

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Thanksgiving Day will see many businesses and government offices close for the holiday. All federal government offices will be closed.

Norton City and Norton County offices will close Thursday and Friday. The Doctors Clinic will close on Thursday but will be open on Friday.

Open:

Convenience stores and service stations: 1st Stop 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., Loves 24 hours, Norton Total 24 hours, Norton Co-op self service.

Discount stores: Pamida open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., the pharmacy will not be open, Dollar General will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Restaurants: Town and Country will serve a buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Closed:

Grocery stores: In Norton, Jamboree and Main Street IGA will be closed. Almena Market will be closed in Almena, and Country Corner in Lenora will be closed.

Restaurants: Adventures, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, McDonald's and Subway.